

**TOWN OF SALEM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
May 5, 2009**

Unapproved

Present: R. Asafaylo, J. Fogarty, A. Krodel, and R. Ross (First Selectman)
Absent: R. McKenney
Guests: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER:

First Selectman R. Ross called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm.

- 1) **APPROVAL OF MINUTES: April 7, 2009 – Regular Meeting
April 20, 2009 – Special Meeting**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Krodel) to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Selectman meeting of April 7, 2009 amended as follows:

Pg. 3, section 4D), replace, *The 1994 waiver* with- Requesting waiver to exclude the 1994 addition..

Vote: approved unanimously.

M/S/C (Krodel/Fogarty) to approve the minutes of the Board of Selectman Special Meeting of April 20, 2009 amended as follows:

Pg. 2, section 4, add-The Selectman decided to explore acquiring and posting signs about town budget meeting and referendum.

Pg. 2, section 5, add-no action was taken.

Vote: approved unanimously.

2) CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

- OPM finalized approval of Transfer Station STEAP Grant. B. Ross wants the project ready to go by the 2009/2010 fiscal year.
- Thank you letter from the Salem Road Race organizer. The race raised \$ 2940.00 for cardiomyopathy.
- The new Resident Trooper contract is being reviewed by the town attorney.
- The Annual Town Report has been received from the printer and will be available at the Town Meeting and on the town's website.
- Letter from Salem Elementary School Superintendant about the emergency evacuation drill on May 14th.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

G. Maiorano informed the board that sirens at both fire houses will need to be replaced in the near future. He stated he had hired a grant consultant who advised him that FEMA will not give grants for sirens. In the past the town fell within the limit of Northeast Utilities emergency notification sirens but they are no longer in that range. B. Ross asked if sirens were still needed with the advent of reverse 911. G. Maiorano replied that the newer sirens are used as communications in the event of an emergency.

G. Maiorano mentioned to the board that the new purchase order system is very time consuming and burdensome. He stated that he received an email from the financial assistant that his dept. is over budget. He explained that he has three computers and none of his spread sheets match the printout from the finance dept. B. Ross explained that the system is working the way it is supposed to and the encumbrances are there as a place holder for planned purchases.

3) AGENDA ADDITIONS/REVISIONS:

M/S/C (Fogarty/Krodel) Add an executive session at the end of the meeting for a potential real estate purchase. Vote: approved unanimously.

4) AGENDA:

A) Building/Grounds Maintenance Supplemental Appropriation

B. Ross informed the board D. Bourdeau would like to request \$8000 for dept. 135 (Building and Ground Maintenance) for unanticipated repairs. A new heat pump and furnace repairs are needed for the town hall. J. Fogarty mentioned that years ago the funds from dept.135 were used in a more planned and scheduled manner, where maintenance on systems and buildings were on a schedule. He did not know when that had switched over.

M/S/C (Krodel/Asafaylo) to approve the recommendation to the Board of Finance for a supplemental appropriation of \$8000 for Dept. 135. Vote: approved unanimously.

B. Ross informed the board the town had received an economic stimulus grant for energy efficiency. The funding is in place but, the town has to come up with a plan to use the funds.

B) Route 11 Update-P. Sielman

P. Sielman passed out a report (see file copy) updating the board on what has taken place on Route 11. He stated the earmark from former Congressman Simmons will be used for engineering and mitigation. Conn DOT has decided to bifurcate the project, the Route 385, I95, and Route 11 interchange will be separated from Route 11. P. Sielman stated there was an upside and a downside to this decision. The upside is that the Route 11 project would not have the large one billion dollar price tag, it would be about half that without the interchange. The downside is that they could decide to just do the interchange. The effected towns have asked their state representatives to strongly

request that funding for the roadway as well as the interchange be requested from the federal level.

There is a bill to permit the Route 11 Greenway Authority to purchase options for land. The proposal/company for the bike/pedestrian path study has been selected for the greenway and the contract is expected to be finished soon.

C) Our Town Salem Update

B. Ross informed the board that the publication, *Our Town Salem*, has become expensive to produce. He has spoken with Essex Publications which publishes magazines for a number of towns in Connecticut. The new publication for Salem will be called, *Salem Events*. Essex Publications will be responsible for acquiring all the advertising and will honor the existing advertising for the remainder of the existing term. B. Ross stated that eventually a town employee would be the point person for accepting articles and then be the liaison for the publisher. The magazine will be published on a quarterly and calendar year basis.

D) Salem Four Corners Revitalization

B. Ross stated he has been taking a presentation about the four corners revitalization around to Salem groups and it has been well received. The first week of June the DOT will have an open meeting for residents on the four corners roundabout.

B. Ross held a meeting for business owners and Economic Development for the purpose of discussing the planned roundabout and the benefits for the four corners businesses. A possible business association was discussed and B. Ross stated he had 3 owners show interest in taking an active role in developing an association. He informed the board he had also met with the property owners at the four corners.

E) Tax Collector Refunds

M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) that the Board of Selectman directs the Treasurer to issue checks to the individuals indicated on the Tax Collector Summary dated May 5, 2009 in the amount of \$2145.22. Vote: Approved unanimously.

(See Tax Collector Summary attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

F) Other Business

None

5) REPORTS:

- A) First Selectman** – R. Ross reminded the audience of the Town Meeting on the following night and the subsequent referendum on May 13. He mentioned the new signs informing the public of the upcoming meetings and thanked the Public Works dept. for putting those up. There will be a meeting of the school building committee, Sen. Andrea Stillman and Rep. Ed Jutila for the purpose of discussing the timeline and waivers needed by the town for the possible school renovation. B. Ross stated he attended the youth baseball opening day and praised the public works for the efforts on the fields and the new “think” signs on the road.
- B) Public Works** – No Report
- C) Building Department** – No Report
- D) Salem School Building Committee** – reported previously on tonight’s agenda.
- E) Board of Education** – No Report.
- F) Board of Finance** – Town Meeting on May 6, 2009

- G) **Planning and Zoning Commission** – Town Center Committee delivered their report to the Planning and Zoning Commission. B. Ross forwarded it to the Economic Development Commission for comment. A subdivision on Buckley Rd. straddles the town of Salem and Colchester, both have their own regulations which are different and need to be negotiated and agreed upon for town approval. Kobyluck has appealed the amount of the fine they were directed to pay.
- H) **Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission** – no report.
- I) **Economic Development Commission** – reported previously on tonight's agenda.
- J) **Zoning Board of Appeals** – no report.
- K) **Recreation Commission** – S. Spang reported the Salem Youth Baseball at their opening day ceremonies honored many of the people who were founders and very active when the league first started. There were plaques for Bob Brown and Chuck Paulino that were unveiled at the ceremonies. *Caution* sandwich boards were purchased by the Commission for use when or where children are at play.
- L) **Public Safety** – B. Ross stated there were four accidents that day on state roads.
- M) **Transfer Station** – Bulky waste days went well. A. Krodel informed the board that she heard of one town that instead of set dates for bulky waste, each resident gets to choose two days a year for bulky waste disposal.
- N) **Library Board** – There was a photo contest in the area in which three Salem residents placed. The contest photos will be on display at the library in the coming weeks.

6) **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were no *PUBLIC COMMENTS*.

7) **Executive Session**

M/S/C (Fogarty/Asafaylo) to adjourn to executive session at 8:45. Vote: Approved unanimously.

M/S/C (Krodel/Fogarty) to adjourn the executive session at 9:10. Vote: Approved unanimously.

8) **FUTURE ACTION ITEMS:**

- **BOS YEARLY CALENDAR "TICKLER LIST"**
- **TOWN VISION**
R. Asafaylo – the Committee is working on contacting town Boards, Commissions, and other groups who have a stake in the Town Vision.
- **FEASIBILITY OF A COMPUTER NETWORK FOR THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING**
- **PURCHASE ORDER POLICY**
- **SPECIAL EVENTS ORDINANCE**

M/S/C (Krodel/Asafaylo) to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

S. Spang, Recording Secretary, pro-tem
R. Ross, First Selectman